

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Whereas, National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is celebrated every year on the second full week of April. This year, it takes place from April 14 to 20 and is a week when communities are encouraged to learn about what the job of animal control really entails and to be grateful for those who do it. In the past, the 'evil dogcatcher' was something you would see often in kids' cartoons, but this depiction only promotes children's negative perception of the trade. In reality, animal control officers risk their lives to protect both animals that are sick or injured and humans from animals that may be violent or have contagious diseases; and

Whereas, Humboldt County Animal Shelter days and hours are M, W, F 10-4 & Tu, Th 10-7; and

Whereas, the Animal Shelter cares for, shelters and feeds approximately 1,500 dogs, cats, and other animals a year; and

Whereas, the Animal Control Officers respond to approximately 2,500 Calls for service in a year; and

Whereas, the Animal Control Officers take approximately 80-100 Dog Bite reports a year; and

Whereas, the Animal Shelter has successfully adopted out hundreds of animals to loving homes already in 2023 with many already finding new families in 2024; and

Whereas, the Animal Shelter is run by several employees and many dedicated volunteers; and

Whereas, last year the community supported the Shelter and our Animal Control Officers by donating to the Emergency Medical Fund and contributing thousands of hours of time to ensure that those abandoned animals are taken care of.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Supervisors, Sheriff William Honsal and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office hereby commends and thanks the Humboldt County Animal Control Officers for their service to this community.

DATED: APRIL 9, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair

